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**1. Continuation of Box 3:**

2. The proposed amendments to claims 21 and new claim 47 reciting "...or at least one compound selected from the group consisting of vinyl ethers, vinyl esters, and styrene, along with at least one compound selected from the group consisting of aromatic (meth)acrylates, alicyclic (meth)acrylates...epoxide acrylates, and at least one other compound selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid monomers" raise a new issue of new matter under 35 USC Section 112-first paragraph.

**3. Continuation of Box 11:**

4. The Examiner respectfully submits that contrary to applicant's arguments (see page 12 of 03/28/2011 after final (AF) amendment), applicants do not have support to recite "vinyl ethers, vinyl esters, and styrene along with at least one compound selected from the group consisting of aromatic (meth) acrylates, alicyclic (meth)acrylates...and at least one other compound selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid monomers..." Page 4 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the specification has only support to recite acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid in combination with (meth)acrylates. Page 5 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph and page 6 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of the specification has only support to recite "vinyl ethers, vinyl esters and styrene" along with (meth) acrylates.

5. It is respectfully submitted that claims 21 and 47 should be written as following:

Claim 21: A pressure-sensitive adhesive material or a sealing material which has a three-dimensional structure and a defined cross-sectional contour...wherein said material is produced by polymerization of a polymerizable mass consisting of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of aromatic (meth)acrylates, alicyclic (meth)acrylates, polycyclic (meth)acrylates, heterocyclic(meth)acrylates, and epoxide acrylates ,along with at least one compound selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid and methacrylic acid, or at least one compound selected from the group consisting of vinyl ethers, vinyl esters, and styrene, along with at least one compound selected from the group consisting of aromatic (meth)acrylates, alicyclic (meth)acrylates, polycyclic (meth)acrylates, heterocyclic (meth)acrylates, and epoxide acrylates.

Claim 47: A pressure-sensitive adhesive material of a sealing material which has three-dimensional structure and a defined cross-sectional contour...wherein said material is produced by polymerization of a polymerizable mass consisting of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of aromatic (meth)acrylates, alicyclic (meth)acrylates, polycyclic (meth)acrylates, heterocyclic(meth)acrylates, and epoxide acrylates ,along with at least one compound selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid and methacrylic acid, or at least one compound selected from the group consisting of vinyl ethers, vinyl esters, and styrene, along with at least one compound

selected from the group consisting of aromatic (meth)acrylates, alicyclic (meth)acrylates, polycyclic (meth)acrylates, heterocyclic (meth)acrylates, and epoxide acrylates, a radiation sensitive initiator in an amount ranging from...a colorant in an amount of 0% wt. or...polymerizable mass.

**6. Continuation of Box 13:**

7. With respect to claims 42-43, the recitation "adhesive support" should be changed to "abhesive support" (see applicant's amendments submitted on 01/25/2010 and 08/16/2010).
8. Additionally, if applicant chooses to incorporate Examiner's suggestion and/or makes any other amendment to independent claims, applicant should carefully review all of the pending claims for consistency (e.g. claim 29 should depend from claim 47 and language of claim 43 should be consistent with language of claim 21).
9. With respect to the 112-second paragraph rejections, if the amendment were entered, said rejection would be withdrawn.

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